As	a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
	TYPE OF DECLARATION
Thi	s declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)
Ø	original
	design
	supplemental
NO	TE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application do <u>not</u> check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.
	national stage of PCT
NO	TE: If one of the following 3 items apply then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP.
	divisional
	continuation
	continuation-in-part (CIP)
	INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION
WA	RNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
am joi	residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and not inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for ich a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
	TITLE OF INVENTION



the s	spec	ification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))	
(a)	is attached hereto.		
(b)	8	was filed on March 16, 2000 as Serial No. 09/526,837 or ☐ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known and was amended on (if applicable).	
NOTE	Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invent or claims. See 37 C.F.R. 1.67.		
(c)		was described and claimed in PCT International Application No filed on and as amended under PCT Article 19 on (if any).	
	A	CKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR	
		creby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified ation, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.	
		knowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined F.R. §1.56.	
	and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and		
		compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in ordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.	
		PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)(a)-(d)	
appl belo certi Uni	fore licat ow a ifica ted	ereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of eign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international tion(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's ate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that pplication(s) of which priority is claimed.	
		(complete (d) or (e))	
(d) (e)		no such applications have been filed. such applications have been filed as follows.	
NOT	E:	Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e),	

# PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
			☐ YES ☐ NO
			□ YES □ NO

# CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) (35 U.S.C. §119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

_/		
_/	<del></del>	
	OREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY F (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO	

NOTE:

If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. §120.

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

PETER G. DILWORTH, Reg. No. 26,450; ROCCO S. BARRESE, Reg. No. 25,253; DAVID M. CARTER, Reg. No. 30,949; PAUL J. FARRELL, Reg. No. 33,494; PETER DELUCA, Reg. No. 32,978; JEFFREY S. STEEN, Reg. No. 32,063; JOSEPH W. SCHMIDT, Reg. No. 36,920; RAYMOND E. FARRELL, Reg. No. 34,816; ADRIAN T. CALDERONE, Reg. No. 31,746; GEORGE M. KAPLAN, Reg. No. 28,375; RUSSELL R. KASSNER, Reg. No. 36,183; CHRISTOPHER G. TRAINOR, Reg. No. 39,517; GEORGE LIKOUREZOS, Reg. No. 40,067; JAMES M. LOEFFLER, Reg. No. 37,873; EDWARD C. MEAGHER, Reg. No. 41,189; SUSAN L. HESS, Reg. No. 37,350; MICHAEL P. DILWORTH, Reg. No. 37,311; PETER B. SORELL, Reg. No. 44,349; GLENN D. SMITH, Reg. No. 42,156; MICHAEL E. CARMEN, Reg. No. 43,533, HAROLD G. FURLOW, Reg. No. 43,621; KEVIN C. ECKER, Reg. No. 43,600, THEODOSIOS THOMAS, Reg. No. 45,159; DANIEL E. TIERNEY, Reg. No. 33,461; and, MICHAEL J. MUSELLA, Reg. No. 39,310, each of them of DILWORTH & BARRESE, LLP, 333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553; and, NEIL D. GERSHON, Reg. No. 32,225; MARK FARBER, Reg. No. 34,159; LAWRENCE CRUZ, Reg. No. 36,385; and DAVID KORIS, Reg. No. 30,908, each of them of UNITED STATES SURGICAL CORPORATION, 150 Glover Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06856.

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

**DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:** 

(Name and telephone number)

Neil D. Gershon, Esq.
DILWORTH & BARRESE
333 Earle Ovington Boulevard
Uniondale, New York 11553

Neil D. Gershon, Esq. (516) 228-8484

### **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

# 

### SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

	Full name of sole or first inventor Gene Stellon
	II AA
	Inventor's signature / Leve Mills
	Date $4-24-2000$ Country of Citizenship U.S.
	Residence Southington, Connecticut
	Post Office Address 368 Savage Street, Southington, Connecticut 06849
<b>™</b>	D. H. C. Michaelman if and David C. Beernet
	Full name of second joint inventor, if any
] i	Inventor's signature
æ ≟	Date 4/24/00 Country of Citizenship U.S.
	Residence Southbury, Connecticut
	Post Office Address 1153 Bullet Hill Road, Southbury, Connecticut 06488
å	
.j =	
ī	Full name of third joint inventor, if any Ralph A. Stearns
	D D D Oc
- L	Inventor's signature Kalph Stearm
	Date 4/24/2006 Country of Citizenship U.S.
	Residence Bozrah, Connecticut
	Post Office Address 38 South Road, Bozrah, Connecticut 06334
	Full name of fourth joint inventor, if any Adam Lehman
	$\rho$ . $\rho$
	Inventor's signature Adam Lehman
	Date $\frac{U/24/2000}{U.S.}$ Country of Citizenship U.S.
	Residence Wallingford, Connecticut
	Post Office Address 183 South Orchard Street, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492



	Signature for subsequent joint inventors.  Number of pages added
	Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor.  Number of pages added
	Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.  Number of pages added
n. 1 <u>.,</u> 11 4.,11 4.,12	***
Prop. Pr. 18. 18. 18. 18. 18. 18. 18. 18. 18. 18	Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.  Number of pages added
3	***
i I	Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.
	***
e Ā	If no further pages form a part of this Declaration then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item.
	☑ This declaration ends with this page.



Attorney Docket No. 203-2519 (2334)

**PATENT** 

For: [X] U.S. and/or [X] Foreign Rights
For: [X] U.S. Application or [] U.S. Patent
By: [X] Inventor(s) or [] Present Owner

### ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receip	t of
which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,	

ASSIGNOR:

Gene Stellon

David C. Racenet

(Inventor(s) or

Recorded on \_

Ralph A. Stearns

Adam Lehman

person(s) or entity(es) who own the invention)

(If assignment is by person or entity to whom invention was previously assigned and this was recorded in PTO add the following)

Reel	
Frame	
hereby sells, assigns and transfers to	
ASSIGNEE:	United States Surgical Corporation
	(Type or print name of ASSIGNEE)
	150 Glover Avenue
	Address
	Norwalk, Connecticut 06856
	US
	Nationality

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

### (complete one of the following)

	[X] the	e entire right, title and interest
possessi		andivided percent (%) interest for the United States and its territorial
		(check the following box if foreign rights are also to be assigned)
in and to		d in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, d all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:
		TROCAR SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE
		(check and complete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f)
and wl	nich is	found in
(a) (b)		U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith. U.S. patent application executed on
(c)	X	U.S. patent application executed on U.S. Application Serial No. 09/526,837 filed on March 16, 2000 U.S. Patent No. issued
(d)		U.S. Patent No issued
(e) (f)	님	U.S. Provisional Patent Appln. Ser. No filed on  PCT Application No filed on
		A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent separately.  (also check (g) if foreign application(s) is also being assigned)
(g)	×	and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority
and, in a continua thereof	and to, a ation in	Il Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, part, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination
		hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made ch would conflict with this assignment;
and doc accessit and will affidavi	uments ole to AS I prompt its requir	arther covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent for relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and SSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related there ly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments are detected to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letter equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have her signing).	reunto set hand and seal this	(Date
	same as the date of execution of the application if item (a) was chec	ked above.
I titl	4-24-2000	
Gene-Stellon	Dated	
I find Ckami	9 4/24/00	
David C. Racenet	Dated	
Kalph Stearns	4/24/2000 Dated	
Ralph A. Stearns	Dand	
Adam Lehman	H/24/2000 Dated	
If ASSIGNOR is a legal entity complete	the following information	
	Type or print the name of the above person authorized to sign on behalf of ASSIGNOR	
	Title	

NOTE: No witnessing, notarization or legalization is necessary. If the assignment is notarized or legalized then it will only be prima facie evidence of execution 35 USC 261. Use next page if notarization is desired.

Notarization or Legalization Page Added.

STATE OF Connecticut
county of New Hoven
On this 24th day of April , 2000, before me personally appeared Gene Stellon to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.
Rotary Public 1-31-00
STATE OF CONNECTICULE  SS: COUNTY OF NEW HOWEN
COUNTY OF NEW Howen
On this 24th day of 401, 2000, before me personally appeared David C. Racenet to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.
Rotary Public 1-31-02
STATE OF Connecticut  SS: COUNTY OF NEW Hewen
COUNTY OF NEW Hewen
On this 24 day of 400, 2000, before me personally appeared Ralph A. Stearns to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.



# STATE OF Connecticut SS: COUNTY OF New Haven On this 24th day of April appeared Adam Lehman to me po

On this  $\mathcal{Q}^{\mu\nu}$  day of  $\mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu}$ , 2000, before me personally appeared Adam Lehman to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

Rotary Public 13102

STATE OF

SS:

**COUNTY OF** 

On this day of , 20 , before me personally appeared to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

Notary Public

STATE OF

ss:

**COUNTY OF** 

On this day of , 20 , before me personally appeared to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

Notary Public

Form PTO-1595

U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office

JUN 0 9 2001

# RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET PATENTS ONLY

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copychereof. 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): RADEM 1. Name of conveying party(ies): Gene A. Stellon Name: United States Surgical Corporation, David C. Racenet a division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP Ralph A. Steams 150 Glover Avenue Adam Lehman Norwalk, CT 06856 Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes 3. Nature of conveyance: ☐ Merger **X**Assignment ☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name □ Other Execution Date: April 24, 2000 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 09/526,837 If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: B. Patent No.(s) A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/526,837 Additional numbers attached? Yes No 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)....\$40.00 Lawrence Cruz Name: Tyco Healthcare Group LP I | Enclosed 150 Glover Avenue Norwalk, CT 06856 [X] Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 21-0550 (Attached duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and helief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Lawrence Cruz Name of Person Signing Total number of pages comprising cover sheet\_

Form PTO-1595 1-31-92

06-16-2000



U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office

RECO.

101382126

r

LAIENIS UNLY

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):  Name: United States Surgical Corporation, a division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP 150 Glover Avenue Norwalk, CT 06856
a division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP 150 Glover Avenue
1101 Walk, C1 00000
<b>&amp;</b> ,
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Pes No. 2014
the execution date of the application is:
B. Patent No.(s)
ached? □Yes <b>XX</b> No
6. Total number of applications and patents involved: [1]
7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)\$40.00
Enclosed  X  Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 21-0550
(Attached duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)
THIS SPACE
nformation is true and correct and any attached copy is a
June 7, 2000 -
number of pages comprising cover sheet 7

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:

06/12/2000 JADDO1

00000020 210550

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Box Assignments

Washington D. C. 2022

02 FC:581

40.00 CH



UNITED STATED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office

ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231

AUGUST' 07, 2000

TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP LP LAWRENCE CRUZ 150 GLOVER AVENUE NORWALK, CT 06856 PTAS



2334

AUG 1 5 2000

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE NOTICE OF RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENT

THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENT HAS BEEN RECORDED BY THE ASSIGNMENT DIVISION OF THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE. A COMPLETE MICROFILM COPY IS AVAILABLE AT THE ASSIGNMENT SEARCH ROOM ON THE REEL AND FRAME NUMBER REFERENCED BELOW.

PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS NOTICE. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS RECORDATION NOTICE REFLECTS THE DATA PRESENT IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM. IF YOU SHOULD FIND ANY ERRORS OR HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE EMPLOYEE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THIS NOTICE AT 703-308-9723. PLEASE SEND REQUEST FOR CORRECTION TO: U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, ASSIGNMENT DIVISION, BOX ASSIGNMENTS, CG-4, 1213 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY, SUITE 320, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231.

RECORDATION DATE: 06/09/2000

REEL/FRAME: 010849/0206

NUMBER OF PAGES: 6

BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR''S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

STELLON, GENE A.

DOC DATE: 04/24/2000

ASSIGNOR:

REACENET, DAVID C.

DOC DATE: 04/24/2000

ASSIGNOR:

STEARNS, RALPH A.

DOC DATE: 04/24/2000

ASSIGNOR:

LEHMAN, ADAM

DOC DATE: 04/24/2000

**ASSIGNEE:** 

UNITED STATES SURGICAL
CORPORATION, A DIVISION OF TYCO
HEALTHCARE GROUP LP
150 GLOVER AVENUE
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06856

01.0849/0206 PAGE 2

SERIAL NUMBER: 09526837

PATENT NUMBER:

FILING DATE: 03/16/2000

ISSUE DATE:

JEEVON JONES, EXAMINER ASSIGNMENT DIVISION OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS